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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

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Appl. No.

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For

PROCESS TO MINIMIZE

AND/OR ELIMINATE

CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL COATING OVER THE TOP SURFACE OF A PATTERNED SUBSTRATE AND LAYER

STRUCTURE MADE THEREBY

Examiner

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.